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RE: U.S. Appln. No. 09/848,402

In follow up to the telephone discussion held on October 3, 2003, please find enclosed a proposed draft set of claim amendments. As seen, in addition to the inclusion of dependent claim subject matter, the claim amendments include the recommended description of the compression effect on the applied (e.g., stuck on) semi-conductive material for use in passenger detection relative to active zones (note the referencing of passenger detection in the main body to correspond with the preamble). For the reasons outlined during the previous telephone discussion, it is believed that the accompanying claim amendments place the application in immediate condition for allowance. It would be helpful if there can be received confirmation of allowable subject matter by way of a telephone call following a review of the proposed claim set.